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## MUCK FARM LANDS TAKEN OVER BY BURGUIERES, INC.

West Palm Beach Firm  
Successors To Miami  
Selling Agency

DILLON-REED CO.  
MAKES CHANGE

Lake Harbor Townsite  
and 60,000 Acres  
In Property

Management of the property of the Florida Lake Shore Farms, Inc., consisting of 60,000 acres at the south end of Lake Okeechobee adjacent to Belle Glade and South Bay and the townsite of Lake Harbor on Miami canal at the lake, has been taken over by Burguieres & Chipley, Inc., of West Palm Beach. Burguieres & Chipley, Inc., have also taken over the selling contract from the Lake Shore Farms corporation formerly held by Florida Muck Farms, Inc., of 204 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami.

Jules M. Burguieres made this announcement in West Palm Beach Tuesday, following his return from New York, where he obtained the authority from Leonard Kennedy, president of the land owning company.

J. B. Jeffries of Miami, president of Florida Muck Farms, Inc., heretofore the selling agency for the farm lands and the Lake Harbor townsite, relinquishes his management of the property and transfers the contract for sales.

"We are unable to announce plans concerning the property at this time and will not be able to make statement of a program until we have made a more complete study of the situation," Mr. Burguieres said. "I shall recommend that the hotel at Lake Harbor be operated 'but probably we will not attempt a sales campaign this winter, being content to maintain an office from which such sales will be made as come without special effort on our part, until conditions change and warrant another policy."

"There are some difficult problems in the Everglades at this time but there are no problems that cannot be overcome. The first need, while rehabilitation is under way, is patience and forbearance. When the immediate needs are taken care of there should be an independent engineering survey similar to that made 14 years ago when the Randolph Engineering Commission was called into being by the co-operation of state officials, land owners and residents."

Mr. Burguieres has been a resident of West Palm Beach for ten years, going there to manage the developments to be undertaken on the property of the Southern States Land and Timber Company. He established Loxahatchee Dairy and S S Ranch and was one of the organizers of Pelican Lake sub-drainage district in the Canal

### WATERWAY MEETING

Owing to the condition created by the hurricane on September 18, a meeting of the Gulf-Okeechobee-Atlantic Waterway Association that was set for October has been postponed to November 5, when it will be held at Stuart and the program originally planned will be carried out. All persons interested are urged to attend.

### LAKE TO GO DOWN RATE OF NEARLY FOOT A MONTH

Construction Chief Confirms Engineer F. C. Elliott's Estimate

### LAST BIG ROCK OUT IN 10 DAYS

Then Dredge Will Move  
Into New Channel and  
Flow Increase

The last of a rock reef in St. Lucie canal three miles from the lake front would be cut through by the dredge Governor Herrick within 10 days, D. H. James of Port Mayaca, superintendent for the Mayaca Company, said Monday. The dredge at that time was within a quarter of a mile of the end of the rock and about three miles from the lake.

Ahead of the dredge for a distance of a mile, after the short distance of rock is passed on which it is working, the bottom of the canal is sand; the dredge will pass through this easily, other dredges having removed the rock some time ago, and reach the point where there is rock that was left in the canal when the dredge Caloosahatchee ceased digging rock there for Conners Highway nearly two years ago. There will be very little work for the Herrick from that point to the lake. Mr. James' statement fairly well confirms Chief Engineer Elliott's statement that the condition of St. Lucie canal will be materially improved by the middle of October.

The Herrick is making a channel 14 feet deep and 115 feet wide. When it reaches the lake and turns to work east instead of west an important change will be effected. As the dredge is 50 feet wide it has been a dam to hold back water; when it turns east it will have Lake Okeechobee behind it and will cut a new passage for itself, leaving the old channel for the disposal of water from the lake through the canal into the south prong of St. Lucie river and thence to the Atlantic ocean.

With the lake at elevation 19 1-2 feet above sea level, the gauge on the west side of the spillway at lock No. 2 (at the outlet end) read 8.7 feet Saturday, Dr. J. A. Yoder and M. U. Mounts reported at the office of The Everglades News Monday. Water passing over that spillway was more than 4 1-2 feet deep. By this account the fall from the lake to the spillway

### \$300,000 AID TO GLADES FARMERS FROM U. S. FUNDS

Secretary of Agriculture Reports Plan  
To President

### AGENT HIATT GOES TO GAINESVILLE

Advisory Committees  
To Pass On Requests  
For Relief

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Secretary Jardine advised President Coolidge today that in reply to his recent request the agriculture department would advance financial assistance to farmers in the Florida storm area within 10 days.

C. W. Warburton, director of extension work in the department, will be placed in charge of the relief work for stricken farmers, while L. E. White will supervise supplying seed for winter crops.

The president's request was made after the secretary advised him approximately \$300,000 was needed by farmers in the storm area. Mr. Coolidge suggesting that the secretary use whatever departmental funds were available.

Mr. Jardine's letter to the president said:

"In accordance with your letter of the 2d instant, I have made arrangements to extend financial assistance to farmers in the hurricane district of Florida for the purchase of seed and fertilizers for the production of truck crops during the next few months. I have arranged to have a department representative in Florida this week, and he will confer with officials of the state agricultural college and other people as to the needs of the farmers and the best means of handling relief. He is planning to put one of his men who has had considerable experience in seed loan work in charge of the office which will be opened at some central point in the state."

"An advisory committee will be set up in each of the important counties, to which applications for relief will be submitted for recommendation. We are working out the forms and expect to complete them and have them printed this week. We should be able to make advances to farmers by the middle of October."

### Hiatt To Conference

S. W. Hiatt, county agricultural agent, is preparing to depart late this week for Gainesville, where he will attend a conference, called by Dr. Wilmon Newell, state director of agricultural extension, on the subject of securing financial aid from the government for the purchase of field and garden seed for growers in stricken sections in the vicinity of Lake Okeechobee. The conference will be held Saturday. It is expected that the conference will be attended by agricultural agents

### GLADES WEATHER

Everglades Experiment Station  
Belle Glade, Fla.

Temperature, rainfall and evaporation for the period ending the week of October 2, 1926.

Date	Temperature	Rainfall
20	81	0.00
21	82	0.00
22	83	0.00
23	80	0.00
24	80	0.00
25	81	0.00
26	81	0.00
27	84	0.00
28	80	0.00
29	81	0.00
30	80	0.00
31	84	0.00
1	84	0.00
2	87	0.00

GEO. E. TEDDER, Recorder.

### Rita

Record of meteorological observations taken by the cooperative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending October 2, 1926.

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
26	88	78	0.00
27	85	77	0.00
28	87	76	0.00
29	88	78	0.00
30	88	78	0.00
31	88	78	0.00
1	89	78	0.00
2	87	78	0.00

D. W. BARDSLEY,  
Cooperative Observer.

### Okeechobee

Record of meteorological observations taken by the cooperative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending October 2, 1926.

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
26	88	72	0.00
27	88	73	0.00
28	88	70	0.00
29	87	71	0.00
30	89	70	0.00
31	88	71	0.00
1	88	71	0.00
2	88	71	0.00

SAM H. SHERARD,  
Cooperative Observer.

### Rita

Record of meteorological observations taken by the cooperative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending October 2, 1926.

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
26	88	72	0.00
27	88	73	0.00
28	88	70	0.00
29	90	76	0.00
30	88	76	0.00
31	86	78	0.00
1	87	75	0.00
2	84	75	0.00

September 25, 1926.

### Rita

Record of meteorological observations taken by the cooperative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending October 2, 1926.

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
26	88	74	0.00
27	88	72	0.00
28	88	72	0.00
29	90	76	0.00
30	88	76	0.00
31	86	78	0.00
1	87	75	0.00
2	84	75	0.00

September 25, 1926.

### FUEL PROVIDED SOUTH DISTRICT TO RUN PUMPS

West Palm Beach Men  
Sign Notes With Head  
of Board

### PROMISE MADE OF WORK ON DIKES

Crop Outlook In Belle  
Glade-Chosen Section  
Improved

WEST PALM BEACH, Oct. 7.—Growers in the Belle Glade, Chosen and a portion of the South Bay sections are assured of additional relief from menacing

conditions as the result of a conference yesterday of members of the special executive board of the joint Palm Beach county agricultural committee.

Dr. J. D. Jeffries of Miami,

highway and drainage board, and C. F. Werner, secretary.

With three dredges already en route from the east coast to complete unfinished work on the Belle Glade-South Bay dike, the executive board yesterday centered its efforts in arranging for oil to insure continuous operation of the unit number 1 pumps of the district.

The Everglades drainage district and citizens of Okeechobee have appealed for aid in rebuilding dikes at the south end of the lake.

"In reply I have to state that under existing laws the dikes and other works of the Everglades drainage district referred to in your telegram come under the jurisdiction of the War Department on so far as they effect the interests of navigation," the secretary wrote.

Developments at the conference brought about a satisfactory arrangement for the oil and also provided for repairs to the structure housing the pumps.

Growers in the Everglades section of Palm Beach county had already pointed to the shortage of fuel for the pumps and declared that their continuous operation is necessary for the production of fall crops and the protection of families in the area.

At the conference yesterday, Mr. Jeffries said that only approximately \$400 remained in the treasury of the drainage board, but declared that the pumping station structure would be repaired from this fund. An order later was given to J. H. Mathers of Chosen, resident engineer of the district, for this work to be done and assurance was given that it would be started today.

Referring to the fuel situation, Mr. Jeffries said that the state was advancing 10,000 gallons of oil, but that the district had no funds for additional oil purchases at present and that it would be the latter part of November before money from the special drainage tax would be available for this purpose.

He declared the state advance of oil would only serve to keep the pumps going for a few days.

The necessary oil was insured after Dr. C. K. Vliet, chairman of the special executive board, J. B. O'Hara and Mr. Jeffries agreed to sign notes to secure the \$1,500 needed to insure the purchase and delivery of 20,000 gallons of oil.

Information was received by

### PAHOKEE TRUCKERS

Dr. D. S. Spooner, C. L. Wilder, the Hull Brothers and other truckers who live at Pahtokee have obtained the use of land Company of Florida land on the southeast side of St. Lucie canal east of Port Mayaca. The land has been cleared and plowed and some planting to vegetables has been done.

JOINT ACTION IS PROPOSED

Residents' Committee To Meet With Others' Representatives

At the request of several residents of the upper Glades and after consulting with us many persons as could be communicated with, The Everglades News on their behalf issued a call for a meeting to be held Tuesday, October 19, at Clewiston to formulate a statement of residents' view and desires respecting drainage matters and to appoint a committee to present the statement at the meeting that Governor John W. Martin has called to be held at West Palm Beach the latter part of October or early in November.

It is recommended that a meeting be held in each community in the upper Glades to select delegates to the Clewiston meeting. The community meetings should be as soon as practicable after receipt of this notice. It will be well if definite instructions are given to the communities' delegates, the majority view of the people of each community being put in writing if possible.

Clewiston is named as the place for holding the big meeting because three boat lines run to it, making it more accessible than any other place. Boats arrive at Clewiston before noon; the meeting can be held in the afternoon and if the boats cannot be held until the meeting is over, arrangement has been made for delegates to stay over night and finish the business the next day.

This is a meeting of "the common people" of the upper Glades — farmers, professional men and business men who live here. Representatives of large land companies are requested to have a meeting of their own and appear a committee with which the committee from the Clewiston meeting will confer before the West Palm Beach meeting is held.

It is hoped that no subject except Everglades Drainage District will be brought up. Roads and the affairs of sub-drainage district can be considered at another time and place.

INDIANTOWN THRIVES

All of the houses in Indian town are occupied. Work on construction crews working on the houses built by the Indian Lumber Company. Two more mercantile business have been established. However, the stockmen and country men are interested in the general merchant.

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## DEMOCRATIC TICKET

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United States Senator  
Duncan L. Fletcher  
United States Congressman  
W. J. Scarselli  
State Senator  
Alfred J. Wager  
State Attorney General  
John B. Johnson  
Justice of Supreme Court  
Louis C. Ladd  
Railroad Commissioners  
Groves, L. E. Eaton  
Groves Eugene S. Mathews  
House of Representatives  
Groves, L. E. Eaton  
Group 2—R. J. Oliver  
County Commissioners  
District 1—John L. Mathews  
District 2—John J. Williams  
District 4—T. M. O'Neill  
District 5—Howard Sharp  
District 6—S. Anderson  
District 7—R. J. Laird  
District 8—J. R. Casen  
Criminal Court Clerk  
Elmore J. Cohen

## PERSONAL.

Friends known and unknown, who write to me: Please be patient. I will answer your letters just as soon as can. Mr. Goobly and I ret out this paper without other help because the revenue does not warrant the employment of a large staff. There are many calls on my time. All letters will be answered as soon as possible.

## SUB-DRAINAGE DISTRICTS

While other phases of drainage affairs are being taken care of, sub-drainage districts should not be overlooked.

Pahokee district is floundering because it is headless. W. J. Conner is president of the board; he is "somewhere on Long Island." Dick Johnson, whose sole qualification was that he used to live in Leon county, is somewhere in Florida and that's about all that can be said. No one knows whether the third place has been filled.

The trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund voted enough acres at the last election to swing the election to a non-resident member.

We've had about enough of that sort of stuff.

## THE "C" AND THE SNOBS

It isn't going to be easy to budge Fred C. Elliot from his control of Everglades Drainage District. He will have the support of the contracting firm and the bond-buying firm—and that's quite a combination. And there's something more.

That "C" in his name means something. Fred C. Elliot belongs to a family that has lived in Leon county for a long time. It is a family that has lots of influence among the snobs in the state capital at Tallahassee.

John W. Martin may find it being mayor in Jacksonville and being governor in Tallahassee isn't quite the same in all of its imports. The governor may have certain ideas as to the future of the drainage act but if those ideas do not fit with Fred C. and Fred J., he may learn things about families that aren't likely to be heard of in Jacksonville.

There was last week the Everglades News itself described as "The Master in Chief To the People of the Everglades."

Okay, by Jove!

## MEN OR MONKEYS?

Governor John W. Martin, ex-officio chairman of the board of commissioners of Everglades drainage district, has announced that he will call a meeting to be held at West Palm Beach the latter part of October or early in November to be attended by persons affected by and interested in drainage affairs.

The formal call has not been received at this date and therefore it is not known precisely what the routine will be followed but it is presumed the meeting will be wide open for statement of every grievance and all sorts of recommendations, unless the participants in the meeting have sense enough to restrain themselves.

Governor Martin has given evidence of sincere desire to meet the wishes of the residents of the Everglades and the owners of land subject to the drainage tax. Commissioner Mayo has indicated that he would like to wash his hands of all connection with the district in favor. That leaves three other members, and they make the majority. There is also the chief drainage engineer.

It is clear that it would suit State Treasurer Luning, Comptroller Amos and Attorney General Johnson and Chief Engineer Elliot if the Everglades made monkeys of themselves at the West Palm Beach meeting.

They would like to have some proof of their claim that there are conflicting interests and that the truckers and business men of the upper Glades are a lot of uninformative cranks or vicious fools.

There are points on which all who live in the Glades and all who have interests here can agree. If there are points of disagreement those points must be kept in the background for discussion later and not brought up at the West Palm Beach meeting.

It is the duty of the men who have large interests, as distinguished from the people of small means, to confer and sink their jealousies and present a statement of their views and desires, the representatives of the big interests to meet with a committee of the residents of the Glades, these committees to join in a statement to the commissioners of Everglades Drainage District.

The Everglades News has said before and it repeats that it will subordinate its views and support any program arrived at after conferences by fair-minded men. This newspaper is free to say this because it knows this to be the attitude of a majority of the residents. There has been chosy enlightenment will come from conferences.

## GEREROUS COMMENT

Palm Beach Independent:—The September 24 edition of Howard Sharp's paper, The Everglades News, of Canal Point, was published under great difficulties, but was none the less a most interesting issue.

As Tom Paine said in "The Crisis": "These are the days that try men's souls." Waiting for the dry land to dry off so we can plant beans is like waiting for a Seaboard train.

They are romping on Romfh,

## IN LIEU OF GOLF

As a Cracker would say, "I don't amount to nothing, but—!" Samuel Pepys did not amount to much as secretary to the admiralty but his Diary is interesting reading because it portrayed the period. To picture the Everglades in 1926 I have to be Boswell to my Caesar. Now go with the story.

When I left Canal Point the Saturday night of the hurricane to get a dry match to light a cigarette, Jack Pope thought I had run away. Nay, 'twas not so. To have run away would have been to run away from (not with) the nomination for county commissioner and that I cannot do. The day I got back (Wednesday) and the two days following were put in getting out the paper; one press being dismantled and the other not yet erected, Assistant General Manager Louis C. Goobly and I went up to Okeechobee and on Friday night at the office of the Okeechobee News this journal of enlightenment, The Everglades News, was perpetrated in Number 30, Volume 3. My part in the transaction was to contribute good advice and chin with Brother William Griffis.

Friends of mine had recommended—they had even urged—that I go to Tallahassee and tell Governor Martin how Everglades Drainage District ought to be run. One of my friends who is also one of his, having arranged for me to meet him, I went on Friday night from Okeechobee to Sebring where the governor was and on Saturday morning joined the party that went to Moore Haven. My impression of Moore Haven is described elsewhere in this issue.

I was an admirer of Governor Martin. I am free to say this because I am sick and tired of the double-dealing, double-crossing some of sea cooks who pretend friendships in order to gain favors, and am resolved never to be a member of their fraternity, so, not having been an admirer of Governor Martin I am having to say so. Without having been an admirer of him, I have no feud with him. I voted for him for the nomination and supported him in this newspaper and urged my friends to vote for him. He is a member of the Everglades District Drainage Board, which I dislike as a body, but his publicly-announced policy in the present is that policy which I have advised for years, which is that the board be composed of men resident in the district. That forces me to accord with him and prevents me from any criticism of him. When he weakens in that policy I will have time to change my attitude toward him.

The meeting with Governor Martin on the train going from Sebring to Moore Haven Saturday morning gave me opportunity to review and confirm my recollection of an incident in the 1923 session of the Florida Legislature in which Senator Ethredge had part. Senator Ethredge on last Saturday sat opposite me in the railroad coach when I talked to the governor. I told the governor of the incident and asked Senator Ethredge if my recollection and version were correct. He said it was.

This was the incident? A joint meeting of the House and Senate committees on drainage was held one evening. There were present a majority of the members of each committee. There was also present Chief Engineer Fred C. Elliot and Glenn Terrill, the latter then the attorney for the trustees of the I. L. Fund and Everglades Drainage District, and a few other persons, most of them newspaper reporters. The chairman of the senate committee presided at the joint meeting. Mr. Terrill, as attorney for the boards, presented to the committee routine bills relating to Everglades taxation and bonds. He then asked if there were any questions. There was a pause. Then Senator Ethredge spoke. He said: "I represent a district that embraces a part of the drainage district; there was a flood down there last year and some of my constituents suffered losses on account of it and they have complained to me bitterly about it, and I'd like to ask what was the cause of the flood." With a gesture Mr. Terrill indicated the chief engineer and Mr. Elliot, without arising, said: "It was because the War Department wouldn't allow us to lower the lake." No other question was asked and the committee adjourned.

That was what I related to Governor Martin in Senator Ethredge's presence and this was what the Senator said was a correct version according to his recollection. Well, we had that point settled. And then I told Governor Martin that as I had not believed Chief Engineer Fred C. Elliot's reply was an honest reply, I had gone a few days after to the office of the U. S. War Department in the Masonic Temple in Jacksonville and by Lieutenant Youngberg I was given a copy of all of the correspondence between the War Department and the commissioners of Everglades Drainage District and I had read that correspondence and found that Chief Engineer Elliot had not replied truthfully to Senator Ethredge's question.

I told Governor Martin that legislation enacted by members of the Legislature who did not investigate the bills was dangerous legislation, and that a financial structure resting on a foundation of falsehood would overturn with less wind than a hurricane's and that administration of drainage affairs by men too indolent to inform themselves was destined to collapse in scandal. Then I vacated my seat by the governor's side in order that somebody else might have a chance to have a say.

Later in the day Governor Martin said to me: "Sharp, what do you know about music?"

I answered with candor, "Not a damn thing." "No more do I know about drainage," said he, and he continued: "I have called a meeting to be held at West Palm Beach this month and I want everybody who is interested to attend. Unless some other course is advised I shall recommend to the Legislature that it turn the district over to the people down here and let the people who live here run it. What do you say to that?" I replied that I thought it was a good idea.

## When Moore Haven Was Seen In A State of Suspended Animation

By Howard Sharp

As a member of the party that accompanied Governor John W. Martin I saw Moore Haven on Saturday for the first time since the hurricane of September 18. I knew Moore Haven and loved it. In the early part of 1924 I owned the Glades County Democrat, the only paper in the county, and through my connection with a campaign for a county road bond issue I came to know practically every family in Moore Haven, continuing an acquaintance with the town and its people that began eight years ago and extended through the fire, the first bank failure and the 1922 flood. Affection for the community and its people grew out of sympathy in their afflictions and admiration for their fortitude following the atmosphere of a Death that had no immortality. Ahead of us were buildings, some collapsed, some unroofed, some caved in, some seemingly unharmed that was unimportant, ahead of us was water, unending water, the water in which the dead had lain. In sight ahead of us only one person was in sight—a militiaman wading in water to patrol the street of an evacuated city, followed by a half-famished dog.

Evacuated! That was it. It multiplied to me the sense of desolation a thousandfold. We turned the corner and at the first glance down the street was the same scene—unholy water through which the patrolling militiaman waded. An automobile containing Governor Martin had preceded us and on the canal bank at the "state house" was a camp but this was not discerned at the first glance; the mind digested the first sights on which it fed.

There were no people. That was the climaxing tragedy of it all. Only two hundred persons or so were drowned and dead, but by the order of evacuation the town had lost every soul that made its being—it had lost its soul. The illustrator Dore has drawn the pictures of the nether world to interpret Dante's Inferno of Dixie Commedia but not even that gives the atmosphere of a city from which the living had been ejected before they had collected their dead—or not to me, anyway.

I don't complain about the order that required the people to evacuate the town—I'm just telling you how the sight of Moore Haven on Saturday, October 2, struck one who had known the town in pleasanter days. A town full of dead and wounded and suffering is a sad sight but we have seen it before, the misery masked by courage and sacrifice. A town of buildings wrecked and torn is a sad sight. But the sight of Moore Haven wrecked and torn and deprived of the presence of those who built it on love and sacrifice was a sight of a bit of hell.

## FUEL PROVIDED

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the board members later in the day that 1,700 gallons of oil, previously ordered by the drainage board, had already been received at the pumps and that the tank car containing the 10,000 gallons advanced by the state had been "spotted" on the Canal Point siding twenty miles away.

Among the many developments as a result of the conference, was authority given to Mr. Mathews by Mr. Jeffries for any emergency steps necessary at any time in the district with instructions that particular attention be paid to the protection

of the dikes and keeping the pumps operating.

Mr. Viet said that Mr. Jeffries told him that the conference was the most successful he had ever attended and asserted that this is the first time that West Palm Beach has shown any interest in the Everglades and their drainage. He said that if this interest continued he would be glad to come to West Palm Beach once each month and attend conference on the subject.

## LAKE TO GO DOWN

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was almost 11 feet (8.7 feet subtracted from 19.5). The quantity of water discharged was limited, however, by the presence of dredges in the canal which held the water back from the east end outlet. Mr. James said the sandbar between the loop bridge and the lock would not be a serious impediment when the Herrick got out of the channel.

Dr. Yoder and Mr. Mounts asked why there were boards or other timbers in the lock chamber at West Palm Beach spillway No. 2 (at the east outlet). The lock chamber gates were open, they said, but the discharge there was limited by the impediments to discharge seemingly placed intentionally, although representation was made by Assistant Engineer Glenn V. Scott that all of the outlets were wide open. The Everglades News does not have any information that would enlighten on that point.

## HIGHWAY BRIDGE

Piles are being driven in St. Lucie canal for the foundation of the bridge on which Warfield Highway will cross. The location is west of the ferry. From that point, the highway runs half a mile north of Indianapolis and then follows the Seaboard railroad track to the north line of the county. Dragline machines are now making fills for the highway several miles north of Indianapolis.

## MUCK FARM LAND

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Point territory. His brother, Ernest Burguieres, formerly of New Orleans, and Buckley Chipley, are his associates in the firm of Burguieres & Chipley, Inc.

The 60,000-acre property of Florida Lake Shore Farms, Inc., is part of the land of the estate of the late Richard J. Bolles, taken over by J. B. Jeffries who organized the corporation under the name Florida Lake Shore Farms, Inc., of which he was vice president and general manager. Most of the land is located along Miami canal. The Dillon-Read Company, an investment bank of New York, is a stockholder in Lake Shore Farms. Leonard Kennedy, president of the land company, is the controlling factor in the Curtis Aeroplane Company. Other stockholders are the De Laney Niggle senior and junior; Richard Deafelais, chairman of the board of the National Park Bank of New York; A. M. Evans of Miami, and Fisher & Company, manufacturers of automobile bodies.

## Bank of Canal Point

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## BANK OF CANAL POINT

F. E. Bryant, President  
J. R. Poland, Vice President

W. R. Bonham, Cashier  
R. L. Gunn, Asst. Cashier

### CANAL POINT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. El. W. Simmons Thursday morning a 10-pound baby daughter.

Inquiring into conditions from an agricultural standpoint, Dr. J. A. Yoder, in charge of tick eradication, and M. U. Mounts, assistant county agent, visited Canal Point Monday. They had visited the south end of the lake recently.

W. O. Tiffen went to Moore Haven last week to get effects left there in the flight from the flood. He was taken ill; however, and on Monday he wired W. J. Larimore that he was in bed at Sebring.

All of the Mansfield family except Lee is at Tampa, where they own a dwelling house that they are fixing up to rent for the tourist season. Paul drove over Monday on business and left that night on the return to Tampa. The family will stay there until next week.

L. L. Stuckey is keeping his lawn in good condition despite the high water and the stock running at large. He has a one-armed negro man running a lawn mower as often as is needed to keep the grass down.

The man who ran the drug store at Clewiston passed through Canal Point Monday.

**MARQUIS BLACKSMITH-MACHINE SHOP**  
Mile north of Canal Point.  
"Bring us your work."

NEW STORE  
IN  
CANAL POINT

SANITARY  
MARKET

Fresh Meats (Florida and Western), Vegetables, Fruits, and a general line of Groceries.

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## TRUCKERS BEGIN TO FEEL BETTER

Expect Good Crop In Spring Unless Unusually Bad Weather

Truck farmers on the eastern and southern shores of Lake Okeechobee can be planting beans and tomatoes by New Year's unless weather is worse than usual between now and then. This estimate is made on the basis of experiences after the floods in 1922 and 1924. Beans planted the first of January will be ready for picking in 45 to 60 days and tomatoes ready for picking in 85 to 120 days.

Although all chance of making a winter crop is lost, there is prospect of as good a spring crop of beans and tomatoes as this region ever had.

After the hurricane of October 21, 1924, the lake and West Palm Beach canal stood at the same level until the middle of November. The lake was at elevation 19.4 and the canal at 19.1 on November 16. In the space of a week the lake dropped one-tenth and the canal two-tenths. By December 13 the canal was gotten down to elevation 17.2, which was nearly a foot lower than when the spillway was closed November 16. On December 27 the lake was 19.2 and the canal 16. On January 10, 1925, the canal had been dropped to 15.4, which was as low as it needed to be.

Solick Brothers and W. F. Buchanan and others were picking beans the first week of February, 1925. Everything was going finely in February until the dam broke as the Caloosahatchee was being put through and a good many fields were flooded. But shipments continued all through February, although there was a bad frost on the 13th.

About the same conditions can be expected in 1927 as in 1925.

By the middle of March, 1925, business was booming and the deposits in the Bank of Pahokee were nearly as high at its peak, the yield of beans having been good and the prices unusually high. The outlook for tomatoes was so good that J. E. Overstreet began the erection of a building for a canning plant. Sugar cane was being harvested and the mill was grinding cane.

There had been a hurricane in October 21, 1924, but by the middle of April, 1925, beans were being shipped at the rate of seven cars a day and the movement of tomatoes had started. The issue of The Everglades News of April 17 reported that three houses were packing tomatoes at Belle Glade. Shipments of tomatoes were being made from Clewiston and Canal Point. The season ended well.

**1923 Experience**  
The 1922 flood was the worst the lake region ever experienced so far as damage to farm operations is concerned. Following the flood in the fall of that year, the lake was at elevation 18.5 on the first of January 1923, and the canal 16.4 and the canal did not get down to elevation 15.5 until the first of April. That was an April fool joke, though, because the canal rose to 17.4 in September and

stayed above elevation 16 until the first of November. The canal did get down low enough for a crop to be made in the spring of 1924. The outlook for 1927 is better than the outlook was in 1923 for the following year.

### People Going Is Bad

The worst feature of the situation is the departure of so many of the residents, for there is no means of knowing how many of them will come back even if conditions are favorable in December for making a spring crop on land dry in January. This feature is largely in the control of the non-resident land owners; if the land owners insist on the rigorous terms and conditions they began to impose in the fall of 1926, that will deter farmers from returning. Farmers can be induced to come back, it is believed, if there is assurance that they will be financed and that the landlords will not exact unreasonable terms.

### Woman's Club Notes

The club met with Mrs. W. A. Adams Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Fultz read her report as chairman of the relief committee. A contribution of \$50 was received from Mr. Kearley, through the kindness of Mr. Sharp, a donation of supplies was received from the Red Cross, and a number of donations of clothing were received from members of the club, all of which have been dispersed through the committee.

The members on duty at the relief station, which was open every day from 9 to 5 were Mrs. Fultz, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Bonham, Mrs. Wible, Mrs. Levins, Mrs. Coburn and Mrs. Filly.

The moonlight sail, which was postponed last month will be given the 18th of this month; all tickets sold for the former date will be good at this time.

Mrs. Walter Bonham was elected corresponding secretary, and Mrs. W. A. Adams recording secretary of the club. The president appointed the following committees: Membership, Mrs. Walter Bonham chairman, Mrs. Charles Baker and Mrs. H. L. Speer; ways and means: Mrs. Clinton Coburn chairman, Mrs. G. H. Tucker, Mrs. John Fultz, Mrs. John Pope and Mrs. J. W. Barrett; program: Mrs. W. H. Vanachairman, Miss Eunice Swicord, Mrs. Ruth Wible and Miss Lois Oliver; civics: Mrs. W. A. Adams, Mrs. Todd and Mrs. Weatherington.

The meeting on Tuesday, the 19th, will be held with Mrs. Bonham. As important business relating to the club house and lot will come up for discussion all members are urged to be present.

### COMMUNITY M. E. CHURCH

The usual services will be held in the temporary church building, in the Harder block. Sunday school 10 a. m.; preaching service, 11 a. m.; evening service, 8 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday, 8 to 8:30 p. m.

The church rooms have been used as a relief station during the past week by the Ladies Aid Society and the Woman's Club, a number of people have been helped with food, clothing and transportation to their relatives in other states; all reports of need were investigated and assistance given wherever found necessary.

The Ladies' Aid Society will

meet with Mrs. Filly Tuesday next at 4 o'clock; all members are requested to come and bring their contributions to the box for the orphans' home in Jacksonville.

### CROP OUTLOOK

"With the lake at elevation 19.1 feet above sea level now it will be at elevation 17 by the end of the year if Chief Engineer Elliott's estimate of lowering the lake a foot a month is right," Andy Smith of Pahokee said Monday. Mr. Smith's land is in section 20, township 42, range 37, on the east side of Pelican river, the region of largest production of vegetables. He watches water levels closely.

"The effect of getting the lake to elevation 17 will be to reduce the seepage and reduce the work the pump will have to do in Pahokee district," he continued. "It will be nearly the end of the year before West Palm Beach canal is low enough to do any good in draining the land. With the lake and canal both low by the end of December, planting can start in January, as early as it did after the flood in 1924.

"It may take as long as 120 days to make tomatoes; that takes the date of maturing of the fruit to the first of May. This is a May tomato country anyway; the plants grow better in the spring than in winter and the east coast and west coast tomatoes are out of the way by then.

"But tomatoes can be made

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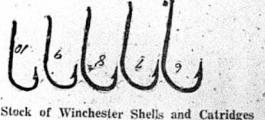
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But when we've reached the prize we  
Contentment we don't find;  
A greater aim demands our thought  
To give us peace of mind.

Some seem to think contentment is  
A thing of greatest gain;  
But if we seek no higher offices,  
In lowlands we remain.

**STORM HURT GROVES**

Ten per cent of the fruit on grapefruit trees was blown off at the Hull grove in the Indian town section during the hurricane of September 18. Injury was done at the Bowers grove but the extent of the loss has not been reported.

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Attorney General Member of Everglades Commission

**FINDS SITUATION IS "CRITICAL"**

Pulls Chestnut About Fire Hazard and Not Enough Water

TALLAHASSEE, Oct. 4.—In an urgent appeal to Florida newspapers, Attorney General J. B. Johnson today asked their aid to remedy a situation which he described as "critical" in the Everglades, one of Florida's greatest potential sources of development.

The appeal was in the form of a letter to D. B. McKay, editor and publisher of the Tampa Times. The Times on October 1, carried an editorial in which certain helpful criticisms and suggestions were made, in regard to the state's Everglades problem.

"I accept this criticism in good part," Johnson said. "I will cheerfully accept any other criticism if it will in any degree help accomplish drainage."

Johnson thanked McKay for the conservative editorial.

"This gigantic problem will not solve itself," Johnson asserted. "Laymen are quick to criticize and condemn. It is going to take the best thoughts of the best minds to carry this matter through to completion. Editors like yours will help wonderfully. The newspapers can do more to bring about safe and sane action than any agency I know. A few ill advised articles can do more damage than can be overcome."

"I hope your paper and other papers will help all possible. The Lord knows we have troubles enough."

Excerpts from Johnson's letter follow:

"I take this opportunity to thank and compliment you on the conservative and constructive editorial appearing in your paper October 1, on the question of the Everglades drainage district."

"I feel that this storm has brought about a situation that is critical. Hasty action without wise and expert counsel might nullify what has been done. The primary purpose of my article was to bring about serious thought on the problem of drainage of the Everglades. The Everglades can be drained and made available for agricultural purposes. I make this assertion as a fact. It will take time and a large sum of money."

The board of drainage commissioners have always had a very limited amount of capital with which to work. The money could not be obtained unless the work progressed and warranted further credit. At times the board has had to borrow money temporarily to keep the work going. We are in that situation at this time."

"Unjust or unwarranted criticism will jeopardize the further financing of this undertaking and may kill all chance of further financing. There are two vital enemies of the Everglades. The first is water and the second is fire. With a min-

imum of rain fall, for a reasonable period and with all present canals wide open, the entire muck land could be destroyed by fire, when fire gets in this dry muck it is a most serious menace. During one dry period acres and acres of muck in the Indian Prairie section were burned and the lands made worthless."

"The problem is not one of drainage only. It is a question of controlling the water level to a point where farming and trucking can be carried on. The Glades are susceptible of two extremes, too much water and too little water."

"The water level should never be allowed to get too low. Water will not destroy the muck. Fire will."

"Thanking you again for this editorial, I am, sincerely,

J. B. JOHNSON."

**PAHOKEE**

Pahokee, June 2, 1926.

We want a hard surface road from Canal Point to Baco Point right away.

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**Woman's Club**

The Pahokee Woman's Club holds its regular business meeting Monday, October 4. The following committee chairmen were selected by the president: Civics, Mrs. L. L. Stuckey; social, Mrs. J. R. York; music, Mrs. Duncan Padgett; child welfare, Mrs. James Maxwell; book lovers, Mrs. J. W. Cochran; domestic arts, Mrs. R. J. Crews; domestic science, Mrs. J. M. Romer; humane, Mrs. W. J. Larimore; house committee, Mrs. Tom Shepard; social service, Mrs. C. L. Wilder.

The chairman then selected their committees to assist them for the year. The next meeting will be a social meeting in charge of the civics department to be held at the home of Mrs. Tom Shepard on Monday, October 18.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Word has been received from Paul Shive that he is now attending high school in Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. York had as their guest Sunday, A. J. York, Mr. and Mrs. Ira York and daughter and nephews, York and Frank Colson.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. Smith and two daughters and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Crosby and son and daughter are now residing in the town of Okiechobee.

The regular prayer meeting was held last Thursday night at 7:30 at the Methodist church. A very interesting subject, the Holy Spirit, was discussed. The leader for the next meeting October 7, will be Charles M. Todd on the subject of conversion. Everybody welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Padgett, Mrs. Alice Padgett and Charley Moran left Thursday for West Palm Beach, returning home Friday afternoon.

Jim Mizell and family spent the week end with relatives in Plant City.

Mrs. J. E. Cochran is visiting relatives in Miami for a while. J. E. Cochran and E. G. Kilpatrick, Jr., made a business trip to West Palm Beach Thursday evening. Mr. Kilpatrick returned that evening but Mr. Cochran

remained over till Friday, when he was accompanied home by his daughter, Miss Sadie Cochran.

J. H. Tidwell is on the sick list this week.

The junior boys class of the Methodist church had a chicken peau Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lair.

Willard Smith and Frank Friend made a business trip to Belle Glade Sunday.

Those visiting the county seat Monday were: Thomas Dickson, C. A. Shive and Guy W. Sharon, Mr. Dickson to serve on a jury, and the others on other business.

Friends of Miss Lula Barfield received word that the operation performed on her eye in an Atlanta hospital was thought to be a success.

Marshall Lair spent the week end with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Lair, leaving Sunday for Miami, where he expects to receive employment.

Friends of W. O. Tiffin regret to know that he is sick in Sebring.

J. B. Elliott, Jr., and Leo Maxwell made a short business trip to Okeechobee Tuesday.

Several men from Pahokee are at work repairing the dike that was broken during the recent storm. Among those helping repair it are R. J. Simonson, O. B. McClure, W. H. Lair, C. A. Shive, Mr. R. Nanninger and Frank Friend under the direction of J. E. Cochran, who is in charge of the work.

Since there has been so much water here, many people are leaving temporarily. Among those going to Miami to find employment are: Mr. and Mrs. Grady Mizell, Aaron Mizell, J. W. Cochran and Buzz Mizell. Buzz Mizell is working in Miami. Mrs. Mizell is visiting Mrs. J. W. Cochran.

Mrs. G. W. Galloway is visiting in Safety Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Romer and daughter Ruth left for Miami Monday. They intend to stay there until farming conditions are better.

W. A. Tiff and R. J. Schrodier visited friends and relatives in Montverde over the weekend.

S. A. Barfield who has been visiting his daughter in West Palm Beach a few days, returned home Monday.

Mrs. J. A. Hughes had as her guest over the week end her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. D. St. John of Lakeland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Polan have been visiting Mrs. Polan's daughter, Mrs. Gladys Spangler of West Palm Beach for a while. They returned here Thursday.

in Palm Beach County, Florida, new lot 7 block 268 Town of Lake Worth as recorded in plat book 2 pages 29 to 30. The said land being assessed at the rate of the issuance of such certificate in the name of M. C. Johnson, and certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 30th day of October, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 14th day of September, A. D. 1926. Fred E. Fenn, Clerk Circuit Court Palm Beach County, Florida. First publication, September 24, 1926. Last publication, October 29, 1926.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

Under Section 77 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida \* \* \* witness hereby gives that C. E. Johnson purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 3626, dated the 6th day of July 1924, has filed said certificate in my office and made application to issue tax deed in accordance with law. Said certificate has been filed in my office and made application to issue tax deed in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 4 block 65 Palm Beach Farms Co., Lot 1 block 65 Palm Beach Farms Co., section 30, Township 44 south range 10, 1/4 acre. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Unknown. Under Section 77 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida \* \* \* witness hereby gives that C. E. Johnson purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 3626, dated the 6th day of September 1924, has filed said certificate in my office and made application to issue tax deed in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit:

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